

REMARKS

Claims 1-24 are pending. Claims 4, 6-9, 16 and 21-24 are amended to eliminate multiple dependencies, without disclaimer or prejudice, so as to reduce the fee for extra claims.

The specification is amended to include a priority claim listing the parent application and to insert the attached Abstract of the Disclosure.


Form PTO/SB/08a listing the documents cited by the International Searching Authority in the parent PCT application is attached. A copy of the International Search Report for PCT/CA2004/002003 is attached hereto and listed on Form PTO/SB/08a.

Applicants earnestly solicit an early and favorable examination on the merits. The Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned if any further information is required.

Respectfully submitted,

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